

20th of next Month by which time I expect to be honoured Letter Bk. I.
with your Ldps farther Instructions & to receive more particular Directions for my Conduct from His Majesty, if not, I shall meet the Assembly at the time appointed & despair not of seeing them convinced of the Danger & Injury that another Emission of Paper would threaten to the province & of finding them disposed to grant Supplies in a more acceptable manner, tho indeed I am somewhat doubtful that the continued Obstinacy of the Pensilvania Assembly may have some influence on their Conduct. I have taken the Liberty to inclose for your Ldp the last Pensilvania Gazetts by which your Ldp will see what Disputes subsist between M^r Morris & the Assembly of that province which cannot be determined or appeased without His Majesty will be pleased to interpose. I have just received a Letter from Governor Morris in which He acquaints me that an Act passed at the last Session of the Lower County Assembly held at Newcastle granting £1000 for the Kings use to be disposed of as Gov^r Morris & the Speaker of that Assembly shall see expedient; he also intimates to me that he entirely despairs of bringing Matters with the Pensilvania Assembly to any favourable Issue but that He is told that they have voted £5000 (a sum inadequate to the Riches of that province) for Provisions & Carriages which money is to be put into the hands of five of their own Members. I also send your Ldp a Copy of the Deposition mentioned in one of Governor Morris's Messages which he tells me he has transmitted to the Secretary of State: it is probable that the Account therein given of the Numbers of the French may be exaggerated but is very certain that their Force p. 101
at the Ohio is considerably increased & that 200 of the Ottawa & Canuaga Indians who are entirely at the Devotion of the French were also on their way thither so that the strength of the Enemy on that River cannot by any Accounts be supposed to be less than 1000 at this time.

A few Days since was forwarded to me from Boston where a Man of War is arrived from England, a Letter from S^r Tho^s Robinson dated at Whitehall 26th of Octo^r at which time my Letter says one to the same purport was dispatched from the Secretary of State his Office to every Governor on the Continent. It is thereby signified to me that His Majesty for the Defence of his just Rights & Dominions in those parts has been pleased to order over to Virginia two Regiments of Foot consisting of 500 Men each beside Commissioned & Non-Commissioned Officers to be augmented by us to 700 Men each; & likewise to send Orders to Governor Shirley & S^r W^m Pepperel Colonels to raise two Regiments of 1000 Men each & "whereas (says the Letter) there will be wanting a